

STATE OF ILLINOIS



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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April 11, 2005

Dear Citizens of Illinois,

In response to Governor Blagojevich's Sustainable Energy Plan ("the Plan") presented to the Illinois Commerce Commission on February 17, 2005, many of you have written letters to Chairman Hurley expressing general support for the plan. We are extremely pleased with the positive feedback from all stakeholders, most importantly those who will stand to reap the benefits of the Plan, meaning you.

The State of Illinois only stands to gain from a Renewable Portfolio Standard, Demand Response Programs and Energy Efficiency measures. We are confident that these programs will provide many benefits. These programs offer Illinois electric customers the opportunity to save money on their electric bills. Also, as we are preparing for the currently-effective rate freeze to sunset, our goal is to employ these programs as a way to mitigate price volatility.

Additionally, each of the three individual programs offers unique benefits. By including renewable energy resources in the electricity generation mix, we will reduce pollutants in the air. By allowing customers to respond to price signals for electricity, we empower them to make informed decisions about electricity use and improve overall reliability of the electric grid. By promoting energy efficiency, customers will save money. As a whole, the Plan will lower electric rates, reduce stress to the environment and create jobs in rural communities.

Thank you, Citizens of Illinois, for writing the hundreds of letters of support for the Plan. Anyone wishing to view the letters may contact Michelle Mishoe at 312.814.4088. We look forward to continuing the open dialogue about the merits of the Plan.

Sincerely,

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Ed Hurley, Chairman

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Bob Lieberman, Commissioner